

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box → Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0032
Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.



UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL <i>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))</i>		Attorney Docket No. V0028/260265	
		First Named Inventor or Application Identifier	van den NIEUWELAAR
		Title	METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PROCESSING A SLAUGHTER ANIMAL
		Express Mail Label No.	EL670009590US
APPLICATION ELEMENTS See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.		ADDRESS TO: Commissioner for Patents Box Patent Application Washington, D.C. 20231	
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form (e.g. PTO/SB/17) (Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specification Total Pages 63 <i>(preferred arrangement as set forth below)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Descriptive title of the Invention - Cross References to Related Applications - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix - Background of the Invention - Brief Summary of the Invention - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed) - Detailed Description - Claim(s) - Abstract of the Disclosure </p> <p>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets] 26</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oath or Declaration [Total Pages] 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newly executed (original or copy) b. <input type="checkbox"/> Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional with box 17 completed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <input type="checkbox"/> DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application. See 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b). </p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76</p>			
<p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)</p> <p>8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Readable Copy (CRF) b. <input type="checkbox"/> Specification Sequence Listing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <input type="checkbox"/> CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Paper c. <input type="checkbox"/> Statement verifying identity of above copies </p>			
ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS			
<p>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney (when there is an assignee)</p> <p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> English Translation Document (if applicable)</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations</p> <p>13. <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Amendment</p> <p>14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (If foreign priority is claimed)</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ _____</p>			
<p>17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Divisional <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: PCT/NL00/00024, filed 14 January 2000.</p> <p>Prior application information: Examiner _____ Group/Art Unit _____ For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.</p>			
18. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Customer Number or Bar Code Label		23370	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Correspondence address below 	
Name	John S. Pratt KILPATRICK STOCKTON LLP		
Address	1100 Peachtree Street Suite 2800		
City	Atlanta	State	GA
Country	U.S.A.	Telephone	404.815.6500
Name (Print/Type)	Kristin L. Johnson		Reg. No. 44,807
Signature			Date 7/12/01

RECEIVED
JUL 02 2003
GROUP 3600

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.



FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2001

Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 2306)

Complete if Known

Application Number	not assigned
Filing Date	July 12, 2001
First Named Inventor	van den NIEUWELAAR
Examiner Name	

RECEIVED

JUL 02 2003

GROUP 3600

Attorney Docket No. V0028/260265

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one)

1. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any over payments to:

Deposit Account Number

11-0855

Deposit Account Name

KILPATRICK STOCKTON LLP

Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17
 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

2. Payment Enclosed:

Check Credit card Money Order Other

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Fee Code	Large Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	390	216	195	Extension for reply within second month	
117	890	217	445	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,390	218	695	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,890	228	945	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive – unavoidable	
141	1,240	241	620	Petition to revive – unintentional	
142	1,240	242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220	Design issue fee	
144	600	244	300	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	130	123	130	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	40
146	710	246	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	710	249	355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	710	279	355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify) _____					

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3)

(\$ 40)

SUBMITTED BY

Complete (if applicable)

Name (Print/Type)	Kristin L. Johnson	Registration No. Attorney/Agent)	44,807	Telephone	404-815-6500
Signature			Date	July 12, 2001	

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box →

PTO/SB/21 (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

3644

TRANSMITTAL FORM

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

Total Number of Pages in This Submission

16

Application Number	09/904,154
Filing Date	07/12/2001
First Named Inventor	Adrianus J. van den Nieuwelaar
Group Art Unit	3644
Examiner Name	Judith A. Nelson

Attorney Docket Number

V0028/260265

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers <i>(for an Application)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Response to Notice under 37 CFR 1.251	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group <i>(Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> After Final	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition	<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information
<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) <i>(please identify below):</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer	Notice under 37 CFR 1.251
<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund	
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application		Remarks
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm or Individual name	Kristin L. Johnson Kilpatrick Stockton LLP
Signature	
Date	June 27 2003

RECEIVED

JUL 02 2003

GROUP 3600

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Reconstruction, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Typed or printed name	Angela M. Rossi
Signature	
Date	June 27, 2003

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: van den Nieuwelaar et al.

Serial No.: 09/904,154 Art Unit: 3644

Filed: July 12, 2001 Examiner: J. Nelson

For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PROCESSING A SLAUGHTER ANIMAL

Attorney Docket No. V0028/260265

Date: June 27, 2003

Mail Stop Reconstruction
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

RECEIVED
JUL 02 2003
GROUP 3600

RESPONSE TO NOTICE UNDER 37 CFR 1.251 – PENDING APPLICATION

Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Notice Under 37 CFR 1.251 mailed on June 17, 2003.

Applicants enclose copies of the following documents:

1. Utility Patent Application Transmittal (PTO/SB/05)
2. Fee Transmittal (PTO/SB/17)
3. 26 sheets of Formal Drawings
4. Check No. 269944
5. Combined Declaration for Patent Application and Power of Attorney
6. Recordation Form Cover Sheet
7. U.S. Patent Application Assignment
8. Certificate of Mailing under 37 CFR 1.10
9. Postcard
10. Filing Receipt
11. Certified copy of NL 1011044
12. Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/21)

U.S. Serial No. 09/904,154
Filed: July 12, 2001
RESPONSE TO NOTICE UNDER 37 CFR 1.251

13. Information Disclosure Statement
14. Material Information Statement (Form PTO-1449)
15. 4 non-U.S. patent publications
16. Acknowledgement postcard
17. Notice of Publication of Application
18. Office Action mailed 12/18/2001 (4 pages)
19. Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/21)
20. Fee Transmittal (PTO/SB/17)
21. Response to Office Action and Petition for Extension of Time
22. Check No. 290366
23. Acknowledgement postcard
24. Office Action mailed 06/05/02 (8 pages)
25. Initialed Form PTO-1449
26. PTO-892 (one non-U.S. patent document)
27. Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/21)
28. Fee Transmittal (PTO/SB/17)
29. Amendment and Response to Office Action and Petition for Extension of Time
30. Check No. 315076
31. Acknowledgment postcard

Statement

The copy of the documents listed above and submitted with this reply is a complete and accurate copy of Applicants' record of all of the correspondence between the Office and the Applicants for the above-identified application (except for U.S. patent documents and the specification and claims of the application), and Applicants are not aware of any

U.S. Serial No. 09/904,154
Filed: July 12, 2001
RESPONSE TO NOTICE UNDER 37 CFR 1.251

correspondence between the Office and Applicants for the above-identified application that are not among Applicants' records.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristin L. Johnson
Reg. No. 44,807
ATTORNEY FOR ASSIGNEE

KILPATRICK STOCKTON LLP
Suite 2800, 1100 Peachtree Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30309-4530
(404) 815-6389



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
Washington, D.C. 20231
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/904,154				

RECEIVED
JUL 02 2003
GROUP 3600

DATE MAILED:

NOTICE UNDER 37 CFR 1.251 - Pending Application

The file of the above-identified application cannot be located after a reasonable search. Therefore, the Office is initiating the reconstruction of the file of the above-identified application pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.251.

Applicant is given a period of THREE (3) MONTHS from the mailing date of this notice within which to provide a copy of applicant's record (if any) of all of the correspondence between the Office and applicant for the above-identified application (except for U.S. patent documents), a list of such correspondence, and a statement that the copy is a complete and accurate copy of applicant's record of all of the correspondence between the Office and the applicant for the above-identified application (except for U.S. patent documents), and whether applicant is aware of any correspondence between the Office and applicant for the above-identified application that is not among applicant's records.

The following paper(s) pertaining to the above-identified application cannot be located after a reasonable search:

Complete copy of the file (accept the spec & claims)

Therefore, the Office is initiating the reconstruction of such paper(s) pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.251.

Applicant is given a period of THREE (3) MONTHS from the mailing date of this notice within which to provide a copy of the paper(s) listed above and a statement that the copy of such paper(s) is a complete and accurate copy of applicant's record of such paper(s).

Alternatively, applicant may reply to this notice by producing applicant's record (if any) of all of the correspondence between the Office and the applicant for the above-identified application for the Office to copy (except for U.S. patent documents), and provide a statement that the papers produced by applicant are applicant's complete record of all of the correspondence between the Office and the applicant for the above-identified application (except for U.S. patent documents), whether applicant is aware of any correspondence between the Office and the applicant for the above-identified application that is not among applicant's records. Such records must be brought to the Customer Service Center in the Office of Initial Patent Examination (Crystal Plaza 2, 2011 South Clark Place, Arlington, VA 22202).

If applicant does not possess any record of the correspondence between the Office and the applicant for the above-identified application (or any copy of the paper(s) listed above), applicant must reply to this notice by providing a statement that applicant does not possess any record of the correspondence between the Office and the applicant for the above-identified application.

Failure to reply to this notice in a timely manner will result in abandonment of the above-identified application. The three-month period for reply to this notice may be extended (up to a maximum of six months) under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). However, failure to reply within this three-month period will result in a reduction of any patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

A printout from PALM of the contents of the file of the above-identified application is included with this notice.

Direct the reply to this notice to:

Box Reconstruction

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Washington, DC 20231

Direct questions concerning this notice to:

Joanne P. Hodge
(703) 306 - 4186

In re Application of: _____

Application No.: _____

Filing Date: _____

Title: _____

Direct to: Box Reconstruction
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, DC 20231

NOTICE UNDER 37 CFR 1.251 - Pending Application

Statement (check the appropriate box):

- The copy submitted with this reply is a complete and accurate copy of applicant's record of all of the correspondence between the Office and the applicant for the above-identified application (except for U.S. patent documents), and applicant is not aware of any correspondence between the Office and applicant for the above-identified application that is not among applicant's records.
- The copy of the paper(s) listed in the notice under 37 CFR 1.251 is/are a complete and accurate copy of applicant's record of such paper(s).
- The papers produced by applicant are applicant's complete record of all of the correspondence between the Office and the applicant for the above-identified application (except for U.S. patent documents), and applicant is not aware of any correspondence between the Office and the applicant for the above-identified application that is not among applicant's records.
- Applicant does not possess any record of the correspondence between the Office and the applicant for the above-identified application.

Date

Signature

Typed or printed name

A copy of this notice should be returned with the reply.

Burden Hour Statement: This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.251. The information is used by the public to reply to a request for copies of correspondence between the applicant and the USPTO in order to reconstruct an application file. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This form is estimated to take 60 minutes to complete. This time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.